

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and/or 8 and/or 9 and claims 12 and 16 have been amended to include the same subject matter as introduced into claim 1. Claims 2, 8, 9, 13, 15 and 17 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3 to 7, 10 to 12, 14, 16 and 18 remain active in this application.

In view of the amendments, all of the independent claims other than claim 18 now require “a low dielectric constant sheath comprising at least one of a foamed polymer, a polyurethane foam or a foamed thermoplastic polymer surrounding each wire” or similar language. Claims containing this language have been indicated to be allowable and claim 18 has been allowed. All remaining claims depend from one of the now allowable independent claims and are therefore also allowable.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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